

**TOWN OF DAVIE
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Caletka, and Councilmembers Crowley and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun, Town Attorney Rayson and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting. Councilmember Luis was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET

Resolution

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE
R-2007-233 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR VOTER APPROVED DEBT
SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007, AND
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

Mayor Truex advised that the Town's tentative operating millage rate for fiscal year 2008 was 4.1215 which was 9% less than the rollback rate of 4.5291. He added that the tentative voter debt service rate for the fiscal year 2008 was .6945.

Mr. Rayson read the resolution by title.

Mayor Truex opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Carol Smith thanked Council for their support of Kids Voting Broward.

Jessica Leon, representing Family Central, described the program and noted that less than two percent of their funding was devoted to administrative expenses.

Mayor Truex closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Crowley, to approve the debt service. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Truex - yes; Vice-Mayor Caletka - yes; Councilmember Crowley - yes; Councilmember Luis - absent; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 4-0)

Ordinances - First Reading (Second and Final Reading to be held September 19, 2007)

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE
MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
OCTOBER 1, 2007, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

Mayor Truex read the ordinance by title. He announced that a public hearing would be held on this item at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

Mayor Truex opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Starkey thanked staff for their efforts, and said they had created a very good budget.

Mr. Rayson informed Councilmember Crowley that they had met state statutory requirements, and required a majority vote.

Councilmember Crowley made a motion, seconded by Mayor Truex, to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Truex - yes; Vice-Mayor Caletka - yes; Councilmember Crowley - yes; Councilmember Luis - absent; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 4-0)

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE
BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008

Mr. Rayson read the ordinance by title. Mayor Truex announced that a public hearing would be held on this item at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

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Mayor Truex opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Judy Paul felt they must seek new revenue sources and suggested they put effort into exploring corporate partnerships. She also recommended a review of the Town's insurance. Ms. Paul wanted to make sure that the caretaker at Robbins Park was not removed and asked that Council consider the impact this would have on those who used the park.

Karen Stenzel-Nowicki distributed a copy of the vacation sell-back policy and asked if this was a line item on the budget. She noted that some employees made more selling back their vacations than some teachers made in an entire year. Ms. Stenzel-Nowicki referred to a memo the previous Budget and Finance Director Bill Underwood had sent regarding this, wherein he recommended employees be permitted to roll over vacation time for 90 days rather than sell it back. She asked where the fiscal responsibility was.

Jimmie Newton urged Council to keep the caretaker at Robbins Park.

Mayor Truex closed the public hearing.

Mayor Truex said that some of Ms. Paul's points were "right on the mark." He believed the Town must maintain a diverse tax base, and noted that this might become even more important after January. Mayor Truex agreed that the caretaker position should be maintained at Robbins Park, but Council would have to say no to the position being filled if this individual were terminated.

Councilmember Starkey had received calls from residents regarding the caretaker and she agreed the position should be kept. She was hearing rumors that there would be layoffs even though these were not indicated in the budget and asked Mr. Shimun to address this. Mr. Shimun said the caretaker at Robbins Park would roll over into the maintenance division and the current caretaker would not be laid off or let go. He confirmed that there were no layoffs in the budget.

Vice-Mayor Caletka asked about changes to the Police Department. Mr. Shimun advised that staff was still in the process of negotiating the union contract and the budget reflected the current status. Vice-Mayor Caletka wanted to note that there was one captain, with over 150 employees, one captain with 54 employees and one captain with 33 employees.

Regarding the Fire Department, Vice-Mayor Caletka noted that two of the assistant fire chiefs had six employees and the others had 100 to 150 employees each. He felt a couple of assistant fire chief position should be eliminated, especially since one had been promoted to fire chief and there was now an unfilled assistant fire chief position. Mr. Shimun responded that he was working with the current fire chief to restructure the department based on recent layoffs.

Vice-Mayor Caletka discussed the need to institute a charitable trust to be funded by the public sector rather than the endowment fund. Vice-Mayor Caletka felt any budget cuts that saved the Town money in the future should go directly into the reserves.

Councilmember Crowley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey, to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Truex - yes; Vice-Mayor Caletka - no; Councilmember Crowley - yes; Councilmember Luis - absent; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 3-1)

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk